

GUARANTEED: GOD IS WITH YOU

DO NOT BE AFRAID, FOR I AM WITH YOU... — ISAIAH 43:5

Week 7 of 9

We live in a world of Uncertainty

PROMISES:

- God is more committed to us than we are to him.
- God is committed to giving us everything we need for us to become like Jesus.
- If God has my heart, I have his strength.
- In Jesus, I am free from sin, free to live!
- God promises prosperity if I obey him with diligence and generosity.
- By heeding the truth of Jesus and the presence of the Spirit, I will grow!
- God is my defender.

This week, I was reminded of Hebrews 11 / God's promises don't eliminate uncertainty.

GUARANTEED:

God, who made all these promises, will always be **W** it h me.

That night the LORD appeared to him and said, "I am the God of your father Abraham. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bless you and will increase the number of your descendants for the sake of my servant Abraham."

Genesis 26:24

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand."

Isaiah 41:10

"Do not be afraid, for I am with you ..."

Isaiah 43:5

"I will make you a wall to this people, a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you but will not overcome you, for I am with you to rescue and save you," declares the LORD.

Jeremiah 15:20

Then Haggai, the LORD's messenger, gave this message of the LORD to the people: "I am with you," declares the LORD.

Haggai 1:13

"... teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

Matthew 28:20

The promise of God's presence carries with it the impact of all the other promises!

DANIEL 3 (P. 617)

read the story first!!

They had every reason to feel abandoned.

They are in the wrong city, serving the wrong king.

When it comes to God, they are reduced to "IF." // BUT GOD HAD PROMISED

If God is with you, you can chose faithfulness "even if."

THEY HAD EVERY REASON TO give in to pressure.

OUR CIRCUMSTANCES PUT GREAT PRESSURE ON US / 14.5 PSI / 16 tons / balance in/out GP: The world will pressure you. How to equalize? / "We want you to know..."

If God is with you, you can impress

your Conviction on others.

ILL: I HAVE VIDEO OF THE ACTUAL EVENT -> VEGGIE TALES

GOD PROVED HIS PRESENCE inside THE FURNACE.

He didn't just rescue, he SHOWED UP ... didn't... HE SHELTERED... HE PARTIED! GP: If you aren't aware of God's presence, perhaps you haven't taken any risks.

If God is with you, what $\underline{\mathbf{defeats}}$ others will become your $\underline{\mathbf{triumph}}$!

EXTRA: It's not about looking for furnaces but

remembering God's presence!

The promise of God's presence trumps them all! IT'S A GREAT PROMISE, THAT IS, ~~ IF ~~ IT'S TRUE FOR YOU

CONCLUSION:

BECAUSE GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH YOU,

Seek Him.

He went out to meet Asa and said to him, "Listen to me, Asa and all Judah and Benjamin. The LORD is with you when you are with him. If you seek him, he will be found by you, but if you forsake him, he will forsake you."

2 Chronicles 15:2

BECAUSE GOD PROMISES TO BE WITH YOU,

Live IN Victory.

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

1 John 4:4

MOMENTS OF SPIRITUAL TRIAL SHOULD DRIVE US DEEPER INTO GOD'S PRESENCE.